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SUBJECT: PASOK MEMBERS RECEIVE MILD SENTENCE IN GUN SMUGGLING CASE

1. TWO PASOK MEMBERS, APPREHENDED LAST APRIL WHILE ILLEGALLY TRASPORTING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS ON A FERRY BOAT SERVING THE ISLANDS OF THE EASTERN AEGEAN, WERE CONVICTED BY AN ATHENS COURT ON JULY 27. THE TWO, IOSSIF VALYRAKIS AND CHARALAMBOS KOURIS, HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH THE ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF ARMS AND WERE SENTENCED TO EIGHT MONTHS IMPRISONMENT. THEY WERE ALLOWED BY THE COURT TO BUY OFF THEIR SENTENCES AT THE RATE OF 150 DRS. PER DAY. BOTH MEN HAD BEEN DETAINED FOR ONE MONTH AFTER THEIR ARREST. SO FAR, ONLY ETHNIKOS KIRIX HAS EXPRESSED EDITORIAL IRRITATION THAT VALYRAKIS AND KOURIS WERE NOT REQUIRED TO REVEAL TO WHOM THE WEAPONS WERE BEING SMUGGLED AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE.

2. COMMENT: THERE HAD BEEN SOME SPECULATION IN THE WEEKS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEIR ARREST THAT THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT USE THEIR TRIAL AS A VEHICLE TO ATTACK PASOK, AND ESPECIALLY USE THE INCIDENT AS LEVERAGE AGAINST PARTY LEADER ANDREAS PAPANDREOU. THE RELATIVE LACK OF SUBSEQUENT PUBLICITY AND THE COMPARATIVELY LENIENT SENTENCE IMPOSED INDICATE NEITHER SIDE WISHED TO PURSUE

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